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THE
SEAMANS
PROTESTATION:

concerning
CONCERNING,
Their ebbing and flowv-
ing to and from the
PARLIAMENT-HOUSE
at Westminster.

Upon Tuesday the 11. day of
January 1642.

Ordered by the Vice-Admirall, to be published
and set forth throughout the whole King-
dome, as a manifestation of the Sea-
mans loyaltie to their King, and
love to their Countrey.



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OUR appearance above the Bridge, being a passage the Histories of England cannot exemplifie, may cause our good intents and well meaning, in the various apprehensions of most men to be misconstrued: For the speedier and more exact remedie of which, wee have all resolved at length thus to declare our selves.

First, as in dutie wee ought, Wee protest to our great Lord and Master (His most Excellent Majestie) That it was an Act of our own free voluntarie disposition, not all, or any of us called or invited by the Parliament or Citizens of London, but came as well to protect White-hal, had his Majesty been there, as the Parliament-House: but a rumour being spread
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amongst us, that great Court was in feare to bee dissolved, and knowing too well the happinesse of this Kingdome consists in their Sessions remembering the words of Arch-bishop *Cranmer*, a Martyr of ever blessed memory, which were,

Woe bee to *England* when there is no Parliament, wee seeing and hearing the whole City to bee in compleat armes, presently turned fresh-water soldiers; and with as sudden expedition as we could: attended by water there progresse thither, and joyned our thunder of powder with the City Muskets, at their entrance into the house (the Temple of our safety) to the terrour wee hope of all Papists, and the Lands enemies, who wish for nothing more then the dissolution of both houses, Whose harmony (if they proceed) will be to our perpetuall good, and their sudden Confusion.

We who are alwayes abroad, can best tell no government upon the Earth is comparable to it: especially, for the keeping of a Crown upon a Kings head, for the procuration of the Subjects Loyaltie, and unfeigned fidelity to their Monarch, for the flourishing of Traffique and Merchandizing (this Kingdomes right hand) the continuation of all, which is, was, and necessarily must be by Parliaments.

Witness the heauey and lamentable distractions in France, Spain, and Germanie for want of them or the like Government.

Long therefore may they here flourish : in vain is it for us to keep the narrow Seas, if some go the way to lose the land. This confusion is that alone which glads the hearts of our enemies abroad, and makes them sit with laughter: while wee sit and sit but effect nothing : Yet although the Conception is long , the birth will be the nobler, and that which Rome with all her curses shall not blast , wee mean the firme establishing of our Protestant Religion : in defence of which chiefly , we display our Colours on the Seas, and expose each drop of blood we have, to hourly danger ; and all in behalf of our good and most gracious King , who is himself the Defender of our faith.

Now to the Citie we manifest our selves, and the occasion of our confux , although we are a sort of people in this Common-wealth , which by the Preciser sort of you , are defined but little different from Atheists; and therefore should breed more wonder we should stickle for Religion. Be pleased to understand although we have no Churches, we say our prayers as well as you, and the same GOD you have as shoris ours in Seas whom we will serve although not so decently as we would, being for the most part of our daies restrained from a Church, to dwell upon the sea for your better security; for be it well known to you, your safety consists in ours, your Churches Land your houses too , would quickly fall and lye.

lie in the dust, should wee let passe These who
long to prey upon your lives and Fortunes: But
for our Religion, King, and Countrey, (wee
do) will advance our Colours against the
World: and for a Confirmation to you all of
our true hearts, Wee have all protested in this
manner.



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DO protest before Almighty GOD, to
maintaine with my dearest life and bloud,
the Protestant Religion, as it was established
in the dayes of Queen *Elisabeth*: To acknow-
ledge *CHARLES* by the grace of GOD,
King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland:
To stand for the Priviledges of Parliament.
Utterly from my heart to abhorre all Poperie,
and Popish Innovations. *So helpe me GOD.*



NOW it may appeare to you all, the maine
and chiefeft cause of our gathering toge-
ther, wee who are used to Tempests, never stood
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in feare of a greater then this at Land : That great Vessel the Parliament-House, which is so richly fraught with no lesse value than the price of a Kingdome, is fearefully shaken, and in great danger: Rome hath Rocks, and Spain Quick-sands, to swallow her up: Now what remains, but that on our knees, wee send up our prayers to that great Pilot of Heaven and Earth, who steeres the world with his Finger, that he would protect and defend Her, to His own glory, and our comfort : so shall our King be safe and firme in his Throne, while his Religion flourishes, and his Subjects peaceably and joyfully live smyling under his Scepter : To the Eternall disgrace and shame of those, who have and would intend to subvert our proceedings.

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